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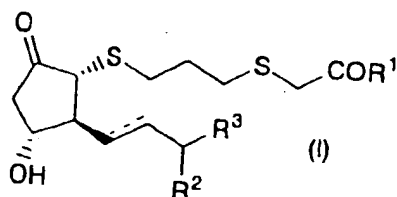
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(54) **A 3,7-dithiaprostanoid acid derivative**

(57) A 3,7-dithiaprostanoid acid derivative of the formula (I)



(wherein R¹ is OH, C1-4 alkoxy, NR⁶R⁷ (wherein R⁶, R⁷ are H, C1-4); R² is H, OH; R³ is (i) alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl (ii) phenyl, cycloalkyl (iii) alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl substituted by phenyl, cycloalkyl (when R² is H, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl in (i) or (iii) may be substituted by OH) possesses a binding activity for PGE₂ receptor (especially for EP4). Therefore they are useful for the treatment and/or prevention of immunologic diseases (autoimmune diseases, organ transplantation etc.), asthma, abnormal bone formation, neuronal cell death, liver damage, nephritis, hypertension, myocardial ischemia etc.

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